

Amendment/Response

Reply to Office Action of September 11, 2009

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (previously amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a brush assembly;
said brush assembly including a backplane with at least one brush attached to said backplane such that all of a plurality of bristles on said at least one brush faces perpendicularly outward from said backplane; and
a resilient clamping mechanism which attaches said brush assembly to a faucet by stretching and then contracting onto said faucet.
2. (previously amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said clamping mechanism is effective for pivoting said brush assembly in and out of line with a water stream from said faucet.
3. (original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said backplane is of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of thermoplastic, fiber-reinforced plastic, painted steel, polymer coated steel, galvanized steel, chromed steel, stainless steel, and aluminum.
4. (previously amended) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said clamping mechanism is of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of thermoplastic, fiber-reinforced plastic, painted steel, polymer coated steel, galvanized steel, chromed steel, stainless steel, and aluminum.
5. (currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1⁴, wherein said clamping mechanism is of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of thermoplastic, fiber-reinforced plastic, painted steel, polymer coated steel, galvanized steel, chromed steel, stainless steel, and aluminum.

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6. (previously amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said clamping mechanism is removable attachable to said faucet.

7. (original) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said clamping mechanism includes a rigid mounting member connected to said brush assembly.

8. (original) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said clamping mechanism includes a rigid mounting member integral with said brush assembly.

9. (original) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said backplane is of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of thermoplastic, fiber-reinforced plastic, painted steel, polymer coated steel, galvanized steel, chromed steel, stainless steel, and aluminum.

10. (original) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said clamping mechanism is of a material selected from the group of materials consisting of thermoplastic, fiber-reinforced plastic, painted steel, polymer coated steel, galvanized steel, chromed steel, stainless steel, and aluminum.

11-12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a brush assembly;

said brush assembly including a backplane with at least one brush attached to said backplane such that a plurality of bristles on said at least one brush faces outward from said backplane; and

a clamping mechanism which removably attaches said brush assembly to a faucet;

wherein ~~a plane formed by the backplane intersects~~ a longitudinal axis of the faucet is within a plane defined by the backplane; and

wherein said clamping mechanism includes a rod having first and second ends, wherein said first end is connected to an end portion of said brush assembly and said second end is connected to said faucet.

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14. (original) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said second end is connected to said faucet via an internally threaded connector which screws into a faucet head of said faucet.

15-17. (cancelled)

18. (previously amended) A cleaning apparatus, comprising:

a brush assembly which includes a brush removably attached to a brace;

said brush including a plurality of bristles;

said brush having at least one cleaning surface; and

wherein said brace is selectively engageable with a faucet such that said brace is capable of being manipulated with respect to said faucet, while engaged with said faucet, between a first pre-selected position and a second pre-selected position.

19. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one brush is two opposed brushes each facing outwards from said backplane.

20. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said at least one brush is two opposed brushes each facing outwards from said backplane.